

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 259
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th DECEMBER, 2018**

ROLLOUT OF WI-FI HOTSPOTS

259. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that Indian telecom industry will rollout one million Wi-fi hotspots in the country by December, 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that Bharat Wi-fi would be a country wide common inter operable platform for these million hotspots which would be owned and operated by telecom service providers, internet service providers and virtual network operators; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) to (d) Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI) and Virtual Network Operators Association of India (VNOAI) have submitted a joint proposal to Department of Telecommunications for providing seamless and interoperable Internet and Broadband Services through Public Wi-Fi Hotspots. These services are proposed to be provided through a common platform to be owned and operated by them. They have envisaged roll out of one million Wi-Fi Hotspots by September 2019 under this platform.
